

PROF. SANBORN'S PLIGHT.

THE LEGISLATURE TO INVESTIGATE THE MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The Professor Preparing a Reply to the Committee's Report—Mr. Webb's Association for a Thorough Investigation of the Management of the Institution—A Live Debate—The Matter Laid Over Until To-Morrow.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., January 22.—The arrival here of Prof. Sanborn, Dean of the State Agricultural College, has aroused renewed interest in the reported mismanagements of that institution. The report of the Legislative Visiting Committee was printed and laid on the desks of the members, who had it read at the time that Mr. Sanborn, the Senator, advised that he had received a sum of salaries from the State aggregating \$20,000, as had been charged, and is preparing a written statement of the management of the college, which he intends as a reply to the report of the committee, and which, he says, will clear him of all blame.

This morning Mr. Webb of Jackson County wrote out the following resolution for introduction in the House:

ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

"Whereas, The Thirty-fourth General Assembly of Missouri, by a special appropriation of \$24,750 for the benefit alone of that part of the State University known and designated as the State Agricultural College and Farm, and specifically set out the manner in which the money should be expended, and

"Whereas, It is charged by divers persons and the public press that there have been great irregularities in the expenditure of this money, and that it has been expended for purposes other than were contemplated in the act creating the fund and a general disregard of law maintained; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed by the Speaker, who shall be authorized to make investigation, to be selected for persons and papers, and to administer oaths and may sit with closed doors; and it shall be the duty of the committee to report to the Senate and the House of Representatives the manner in which this money has been expended. The committee shall visit the State Agricultural College and Farm and the investigation must be as thorough and complete as possible, and when the committee has completed its investigation it shall report its findings to the House."

When Mr. Webb had finished writing his resolution the hour for the adjournment of the session arrived, and he said to one of Prof. Sanborn's friends might object to the introduction of the resolution out of the regular order, Mr. Webb said he had no objection, and will to-morrow.

THE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED.

After the adjournment, however, Mr. Webb was given to understand that he might get his bill introduced introduced when the session was adjourned, and he did so, and it was sent up to the Speaker and it was reported and read by the Clerk.

Mr. Webb's resolution in submitting the resolution were of the purpose. Certain damaging reports were in circulation and he said, "We want to know what the Senate and the House will do upon the State Agricultural College and Farm, and he desired that they be fully investigated and the State cleared of the charge that was cast upon the State Agricultural institution."

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